

**Russia Buys Cotton Cutlery**  
By the United Press  
LOCKHART, Tex.—Eighteen cotton cutting machines were completed here recently by the Lockhart Culling Machine Company for the Russian government. The machines cost \$750 each and will be used in Turkestan to cull trash and light seed from planting stock.

**SEEK MEDAL FOR SCOUT**  
By the United Press  
CLEBURNE, Tex.—Friends of Joe O'Brien, Boy Scout, are seeking a Carnegie hero medal for him.

He is credited with saving three lives in the last two years. He saved a woman from possible death from loss of blood and rescued two men from drowning.

**ENGLISH GRAIN DOWN**  
By the United Press  
LONDON.—Recent checks made on the grain crops of Britain by the Ministry of Agriculture show that the acreage under wheat is somewhat less than the 1930 plantings. The barley sowings are slightly larger and oats about the same.

**POND TO BE BATH TUB**  
By the United Press

FALL RIVER, Mass.—South Watuppa pond is to be the bath tub for bombing and scouting planes attached to the Atlantic fleet, now at anchor in Narragansett Bay.

**LARGEST WOODPULP PLANT**  
SUNDSVALL, Sweden.—The largest wood pulp plant in the world is now being built at Ostrand, near here. The huge structure, on which 600 men are working, will have an annual capacity of 100,000 tons.

**Tended Lighthouse 48 Years**  
By the United Press

ESCANABA, Mich.—Capt. James D. Armstrong, 70, retired from the United States lighthouse service last week after 48 years of continuous duty. He joined the coast guards at South Manitowish Island at 23.

**IT'S UNDERSTOOD**  
PITTSBURG.—Explaining that he was on his honeymoon when arrested for speeding, Angelo Dal Porto got a suspended sentence from Judge Wade Moore, who said: "I understand."

**Merriman Makes Final Check**



Thaddeus Merriman of New York, who is now in Southern California for a final check-up on engineering and geological details of the Colorado River Aqueduct, is shown above in a close-up as he examines a bit of rock from one of the tunnel lines in the vicinity of Cabazon, Calif., marked with the cross on the sketch at the left. Recognized as one of America's greatest experts on water, Mr. Merriman is one of the notable engineers on the advisory staff of the Metropolitan Water District, which will build the world's longest aqueduct to bring water from the Colorado River to cities of the District following passage of the \$220,000,000 water bond issue on September 29.

With seven years of exhaustive engineering investigation of some 60,000 square miles of Colorado River mountain and desert country to its credit, one of the most imposing lineups of American water experts ever assembled on a single project is ready to begin actual construction on the Colorado River Aqueduct immediately upon passage of the \$220,000,000 Colorado River water bond issue by voters of the Metropolitan Water District on September 29.

At the head of the District's board of engineering review is Thaddeus Merriman of New York who is now in Southern California making field trips to various points along the Aqueduct route in a final check-up of engineering and geological details. This distinguished authority on water is head of the New York Board of Water Supply and one of the designers of the famous Catskill Aqueduct which supplies that metropolis with water.

Important divisions in the staff of Chief Engineer Frank E. Weymouth of the Metropolitan Water District are headed by Julian Hinds, chief designing engineer; James M. Gaylord, chief electrical engineer; James Munn, general superintendent, and Judson B. Bond, construction engineer.

Including Mr. Weymouth, who became chief engineer of the United States Reclamation Service in 1920 following twenty years of service, each of the division heads has served that branch of the federal government in highly responsible positions. During the period prior to 1915, while Weymouth occupied the position of project engineer and supervising engineer on important reclamation projects including building of Arrowrock Dam, the highest in the world, Hinds was chief draftsman in charge of designs for all projects, Munn was superintendent of construction for the Reclamation Service, Bond was in charge of location, construction and operation of irrigation works on several projects and Gaylord after eight years of important work, was placed in charge of electrical and mechanical engineering for the Service in 1915.

Each of these men has also accomplished notable engineering achievements in a civilian capacity and Weymouth, Hinds and Bond achieved international prominence for their work in Central America, Mexico and China, respectively. Mr. Munn bears the unusual distinction of being identified with major American engineering jobs in supervisory capacity for forty years.

**Great Artists Will Be Heard In L. A. Opera**

Gaetano Merola knows Los Angeles opera audiences from gallery to box, and in every season of the Los Angeles Grand Opera Association he has planned his repertoire to please all tastes. With the opening of the box-office to the general public next Tuesday at Barker Bros., a study of the artists and a classification of the operas should prove helpful to those who find it difficult to decide which operas to attend.

In America, people go to opera, generally, to hear great artists, and no matter how great an opera may be it cannot draw an audience unless it is well cast. The artists themselves, therefore, must have first consideration. Elizabeth Reiberg's "perfect voice" is too popular here to require that a single word be said about it. Her appearances will be in Aida, Tannhauser, The Masked Ball and Il Trovatore.

Mary Mueller, leading dramatic soprano in the opera houses of Germany, and also of the New York Metropolitan, has been honored two years in succession by opening the Festival at Bayreuth; the house built especially for Wagner's operas and consecrated to their perfect performance. This great star will sing in Lohengrin and Die Meistersinger. Faina Petrova, prima donna of the Moscow Opera, came last season to the Metropolitan where the audiences thrilled to her dramatic interpretations. The result of two years' training as member of the famous Moscow Art Theatre, in Los Angeles Mrs. Petrova will give a new Carmen, and will have the leading contralto roles in Aida and Lohengrin.

Yvonne Gall, one of the most beautiful women in grand opera, is prima donna at the Paris Opera and guest artist at the other great houses of Europe. She is a superb singer and a fine emotional actress, and her appearances here as the Princess in Marouf, and in the title role of Tosca, should establish her as a favorite. Giovanni Martinelli, like Reiberg, needs no introduction, and in all three of his appearances he will sing with her: Aida, Il Trovatore and The Masked Ball.

Gottlieb Pistor has never sung in this country, but from the critiques of his performances in the opera houses of Germany, and Covent Garden, London, comes word of his magnificent voice. Lohengrin, Tannhauser and Die Meistersinger offer three opportunities to hear this great singer.

Mario Chamblee is a University of Southern California man who returns from winning international honors to open the season with his incomparable characterization of the comic role of Marouf. His fine lyric tenor voice and keenly dramatic interpretations will be enjoyed also in Tosca and Carmen.

Friedrich Schorr, of the Metropolitan, has been proclaimed on three continents as the greatest Hans Sachs—the leading character in Die Meistersinger. Giuseppe Danese is the leading Italian dramatic baritone at the Metropolitan. Los Angeles will hear this great singing actor in four operas, Aida, Tosca, The Masked Ball and Il Trovatore. Ezio Pinza, the greatest basso of the day, is returning. Three years ago he made a tremendous sensation here as the Torador in Carmen, a role he will sing again this season. Two more popular repertories for him will be in Aida and Tannhauser, while a new role will be Pogner in Die Meistersinger.

The full repertoire and principals in the casts follows: Marouf—Gall, Chamblee, Belcher Ballet, Oct. 2; Lohengrin—Mueller, Pistor, Petrova, Schorr, Oct. 3; Aida—Reiberg, Petrova, Martinelli, Danese, Pinza, Belcher Ballet, Oct. 7; Tosca—Gall, Chamblee, Danese, Oct. 9; Tannhauser—Reiberg, Pinza, Pistor, Schorr, Belcher Ballet, Oct. 10; The Masked Ball—Reiberg, Martinelli, Danese, Oct. 12; Carmen—Petrova, Chamblee, Pinza, Oct. 14; Die Meistersinger—Mueller, Pistor, Schorr, Pinza, Oct. 15; Il Trovatore—Reiberg, Martinelli, Danese, Oct. 17.

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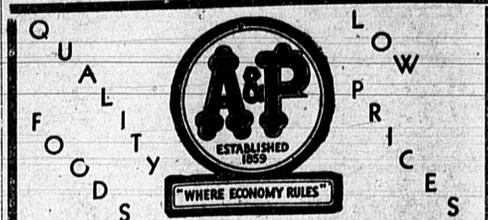
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**POOR SAMARITAN**  
By the United Press  
YERRINGTON, Nev.—Thomas Clark, 60, helped two strangers get their car out of a ditch. One hit him over the head with a gun. Clark snatched the gun, marched the pair to jail.

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